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This application has been carefully reviewed in view of the Office Action dated October 6, 1992. In that Office Action the specification was objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. In particular, antecedent basis was required for the terms "housing bumper", "a bumper fixed to the handle", and a "frameless planar mesh closure". Claim 21-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, and claims 21, 22 and 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being allegedly anticipated by Liebling. Claim 23 was indicated as being allowable if rewritten to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In response, the specification has been amended in two instances to clearly note that the planar mesh closure member 34 shown in the drawings is "frameless". These changes are made on pages 3 and 6 of the specification. It is noted that in the specification, page 4, there is found a disclosure that "The closure member movement limiting means includes the housing bumper enclosing a front end of the track to prevent movement of the closure member beyond the front extreme of the compartment aperture. The closure member movement limiting means also includes a rear bumper fixed to the handle to prevent rearward movement of the closure member beyond the retracted position." Accordingly, the objection set forth in

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paragraph 1 of the Office Action is without basis, and is respectfully traversed.

Claim 21 has been amended to incorporate the recitations of claim 23. Since claim 23 was indicated as being allowable subject to the foregoing amendments to the specification, it is submitted that claim 21, as now amended is in condition for allowance. Claims 22 and 24 each depend from amended independent claim 21, and are thus now also in condition for allowance.

It is submitted that the application is now in form for allowance. If any additional matters remain unresolved, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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